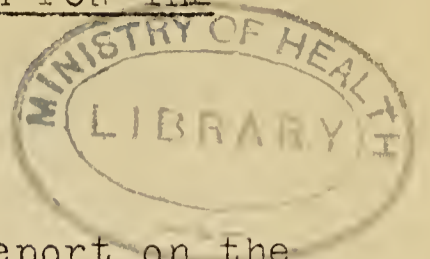


BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR, 1950.



Your Worship The Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health of your Borough for the year 1950.

During the greater part of the year under review, Dr. G. McN.Cubie was your Medical Officer. On his resignation to take up another appointment on September 30th, I became your Acting Medical Officer. In view of the short period of the year for which I was Medical Officer, I feel it would be inappropriate for me to make much comment on this year's report.

In common with most other parts of the country, measles was by far the most prevalent of the infectious diseases within the Borough. Apart from this, there was a satisfactory freedom from epidemic disease.

From the Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report, which is included herewith, you will be able to assess the work which has been done during the year to ensure that the sanitary conditions of the Borough are kept up to standard.

I would like to record my appreciation of the assistance I have received from the Town Clerk and other officials of the Borough during the somewhat difficult period of taking over from my predecessor.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Totals.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
LIVE BIRTHS.	Legitimate	21	9	12
	Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
		<u>23</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>
		<u>Southwold.</u>	<u>Comparative figures</u> <u>for England & Wales.</u>	
BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1950		9.4	15.8	
STILLBIRTHS -		Nil.		
DEATHS per 1,000 estimated average population		20.1	11.6	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
	49	22	27	
DEATHS - Infants under one year -		Nil.		
DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES -		Nil.		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cancer 11, Luekemia 1, Heart Disease 25, Bronchitis 4, other causes 8.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES.

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u> <u>(after correcfion)</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Isolation</u> <u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Total deaths</u> <u>(within Borough)</u>
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-
Poliomyelitis	1	-	-
Measles	33	-	-
Pneumonia	7	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Male.</u>		<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Number on Register at beginning of year	11	3	4	4
Number added to Register during year	1	-	-	-
Number removed from Register during year	1	1	-	1
Total on Register at end of year	11	2	4	3

ARTHUR C. GEE.

Medical Officer of Health.



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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1950.

Your Worship the Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions in Southwold for the year 1950.

I took over the duties of Sanitary Inspector on 20th November, 1950.

The following information is based upon the office records of my predecessor and my observations during the last one-and-a-half months of 1950.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water is provided from the mains by the Southwold Waterworks Company Limited and the supply has been satisfactory both in regard to quality and quantity.

SEWERAGE.

The Borough is drained by a sewerage system which discharges at the Disposal Works and thence into Buss Creek. Minor repairs have been carried out to the sewers during the year.

The Council's Consulting Engineers have prepared a scheme for the erection of two new Pumping Stations at Gardner Road (South Green) and North Road respectively. These will take the place of the two existing ejector pumps which have been in operation for many years and which now urgently require renewing.

The Council have received authority from the Ministry of Health (December 1950) to invite tenders for the construction of the Pumping Stations and it is anticipated that the work will commence early in the New Year.

The new pumps will be automatically and electrically controlled.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of house refuse is carried out by contractors using a modern refuse collection vehicle and the refuse is disposed of in the Corporation's Incinerator.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

No slaughtering is carried out in the Borough. All homekilled meat is obtained from the Area Abattoir at Beccles where it is inspected and classified.

256 lbs. of imported meat affected by bone taint was condemned during the year.

The following tinned and other foods were condemned during the year:-

2	tins	Pears.
1	"	Apricots.
1	"	Peaches.
1	"	Crawfish (8 ozs.)
2	"	Baked Beans.
15	"	Evaporated Milk.
2	"	Full Cream Milk.
1	"	Machine skimmed Milk.

1 tin	Salmon (1 lb.)	
1 "	Meat and Gravy (1 lb. 4 ozs.)	
9 tins	Jellied Veal (54 lbs.)	
1 "	Pork Luncheon Meat (4 lbs.)	
	Cooked ham	23lbs. 13 ozs.
	Ham	18lbs.
	Soya Flour	45lbs.
48 No.	Cheeses (12 lbs.)	
7 No.	Camembert cheeses.	
144 No.	Demi Sel cream cheese (portions)	

RODENT CONTROL.

A part-time rodent operator is employed by the Corporation.

The number of premises treated during the year was as follows:-

Business Premises	8
Private Dwellings.	33
Corporation Property	5.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND BAKEHOUSES.

All catering premises have been inspected regularly and found to be satisfactory.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

All premises are provided with adequate sanitary accommodation and proper fire precautions are maintained.

DAIRIES AND RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK.

There are three retail purveyors of milk who trade in the town, one of whom holds a supplementary licence granted by the Council to sell pasteurised milk.

The two dairies are inspected regularly and no defects have been found.

HOUSING.

No new Council houses have been erected during the year.

Generally housing property in the Borough has been maintained in a sanitary condition, appropriate action having been taken in cases of sanitary and structural defects which have been found.

CARAVAN SITE.

The Corporation's Caravan Site near the Harbour has again attracted many visitors.

Water supply and sanitary accommodation have been satisfactory but improvements to the latter are contemplated during 1951.

C. R. DRIVER.

Sanitary Inspector.

